

Table 36.--Number and percentage distribution of Section 1619(a) and Section 1619(b) participants for selected months, 1982-98

At end of selected month	1619(a) participants		1619(b) participants ¹	
	Number	Percentage change over prior period	Number	Percentage change over prior period
December ²				
1982.....	287	---	5,515	---
1983.....	392	---	5,165	---
1987.....	14,559	---	15,632	---
1988.....	19,920	36.8	15,625	0.0
1989.....	25,655	28.8	18,254	16.8
1990	13,994	-45.5	23,517	28.8
1991	15,531	11.0	27,264	15.9
1992	17,603	13.3	31,649	16.1
1993.....	20,028	13.8	35,299	11.5
1994.....	24,315	21.4	40,683	15.3
1995.....	28,060	15.4	47,002	15.5
1996.....	31,085	10.8	51,905	10.4
1997.....	34,673	11.5	57,089	10.0
1998.....	37,271	7.5	59,542	4.3
1996				
March.....	27,018	-3.7	45,594	-3.0
June.....	28,707	6.3	48,590	6.6
September.....	29,422	2.5	51,484	6.0
December.....	31,085	5.7	51,905	0.8
1997				
March.....	31,146	0.2	48,194	-7.1
June.....	32,954	5.8	52,646	9.2
September.....	33,496	1.6	56,872	8.0
December.....	34,673	3.5	57,089	0.4
1998				
March.....	34,637	-0.1	48,194	-4.3
June.....	35,528	2.6	52,646	2.1
September.....	37,216	4.8	56,872	4.3
December.....	37,271	0.1	57,089	2.3

¹ Includes blind participants. For December 1998, of the 59,542 participants, 1,067 were blind.

² Data not available for December 1984, 1985, 1986.

NOTE: In January 1990, the SGA level was raised from \$300 to \$500 and section 1619(a) participants with earnings below \$500 became eligible for regular SSI benefits rather than the special cash payments under section 1619(a).

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